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Food (1944) Department.

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G.O. No. 721

Dated 4-8-44

[Despatch Abstract.]

Civil Supplies - Rice - Movement from Tadepalligudem to Malabar in March '44 - Short delivery to M/s. Hajiram Hajidas & Co., Calicut - Provisional refund of cost - Sanod.

Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies)

Abstract.

Rice - Supplies from Tadepalligudem to Malabar in 1944- shortage in delivery to M/s.Jairam and Co., - Claim for refund - Of cost - Provisional payment - Sanction - Requested.

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Ref.No.12942-A2/47,(CS), Madras, dated 22-7-48.

From

V.S.Hejmadi Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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Sri P. Sivasankaran Pillai, B.A.,B.L.,
Jt. Secy. to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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A consignment of 12374 maunds of rice from Tadepalligudem was despatched by the District Supply Officer, Tadepalligudem to M/s. Jairam Haridas & Co., Calicut during the month of March 1944 along with other consignments by the rail-cum-searoute via Madras, and Cochin and the cost of it was debited to the merchants account. But only 11574 maunds were actually delivered to the quota holder at Malabar. All efforts so far made to locate the destination of the balance of 800 maunds have proved futile. A clerk from the Office of the Collector of Malabar was specially deputed to scrutinise the records in the Offices of the District Supply Officer, Tadepalligudem and the Revenue Divisional Officer, British Cochin. His investigation also did not yield any useful result other than establishing the fact that the entire consignment of 12374 maunds was actually despatched from Tadepalligudem. The Collector of Malabar is however, pursuing the investigation and his final report is awaited.

2. The matter has been pending for a long time and the investigation referred to in para 1 above is bound to take some more time. In the circumstances and in view of the fact that the merchant was actually given only 11574 maunds as against 12,374 maunds debited to his account, the Board considers that pending a final settlement, the amount due to the merchant viz. Rs.5,362-8-0 being the cost of 800 maunds less the normal shortage to be borne by the merchant as worked out by the Collector and accepted by the merchant may be refunded to him from the Personal Deposit Account of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies on an indemnity bond executed by him undertaking to refund to Government the payment received by him in case it is ultimately established that the missing consignment was actually delivered to him. An indemnity bond has accordingly been taken from the merchant. The Board requests that the Government may be pleased to sanction the payment of the amount to the merchant from the Personal Deposit Account of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies. The expenditure may be debited to "85.A.Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading -a-Grain Supply Schemes--B. Rice-3.Suspense (P.D) Debit --ii--Advances to other governments-States-etc". Attention is in this connection invited to Government Memo.No.55378-A/47-2 Food, dated 15-12-47 in which the Government have sanctioned similar payment to two other merchants in Malabar M/s.H.E.K. Cochinwala and M/s.A.H.P.M.Essack Calicut.

3. The Board requests very early orders.

Sd. x x
for Jt. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government,Food Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Rice - Movement from Tadepalligudem to Malabar in March 1944 - Short delivery to M/s.Jairam Haridas & Co., Calicut - Provisional refund of cost - Sanctioned.

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Food Department
G.O.Ms.No.721,dt.4-8-48.

READ:-
From the Board of Revenue(CS),Ref.No.12942-A2/47, dt. 22-7-48.

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ORDER;

In the circumstances reported by the Board of Revenue (C.S), in its reference cited, sanction is accorded for the provisional payment of a sum of Rs.5,362-8-0 (rupees five thousand three hundred and sixty-two annas eight only) to M/s Jairam Haridas & Co., Calicut from the Personal Deposit Account of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies towards the cost of a quantity of 800 maunds of rice short-delivered to the merchant in March 1944 less the usual shortage to be borned by the merchant, on an indemnity bond executed by the merchant undertaking to refund to the Government the payment received by him in case it is ultimately established that the missing consignment was actually delivered to him. As it is reported that an indemnity bond has already been taken from the merchant, the said amount should be refunded to him as soon as possible.

2. The expenditure sanctioned in paragraph 1 above should be provisionally debited to "95.A. Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading - a.Grain Supply Schemes -B.Rice - 3.Suspense (P.D.)".

~~(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)~~

3. The Board of Revenue(CS), is requested to instruct the Collector of Malabar to fix the responsibility for the loss to the Government on account of the short-delivery, in case the missing consignment is not traced and to recover the loss from the persons concerned.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy. to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue(C.S.)
" (Accounts Branch).
" Accountant General through Finance Department.
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Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

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